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PCC-Microsoft price agreement cuts software costs by up to 80%

The signing of an 'Education Consortium Agreement' between the Prentice Computer Centre and Microsoft will allow University users to obtain large discounts on Microsoft products. Students, staff and University departments can now purchase fully featured 'Academic Editions' of certain popular Microsoft software for as little as one fifth of the Recommended Retail Price. Most Microsoft products not covered by the 'Academic Editions' still attract discounts of around 40%.

The agreement also covers classroom and office packages (Edpacks and Class-in-a-Box). Edpacks feature 10 licences and one set of documentation. They are ideal for classrooms and self-contained offices where several machines are using the software but one manual can serve the needs of all users. The Microsoft Word 5.0 Edpack costs $725.00, or $72.50 per user. Class-in-a-Box are sets of teaching materials for certain Microsoft products.

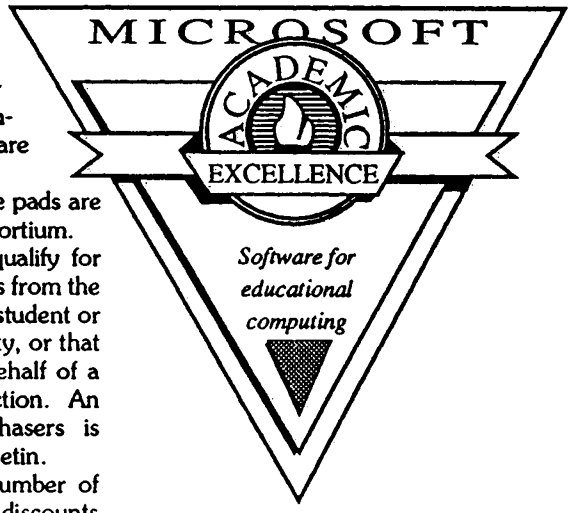
Also covered are 'EdNet' packs, which are Local Area Network versions of the more popular packages. They consist of file-server software, a ten-user licence and one set of documentation. Prices for EdNet packs are similar to those for Edpack.

Microsoft Mouse and mouse pads are also available through the Consortium.

The only requirement to qualify for Educational Consortium benefits from the PCC is to prove that you are a student or member of staff at the University, or that you are placing an order on behalf of a University department or section. An order form for private purchasers is provided at the back of this Bulletin.

Microsoft has selected a number of software products for special discounts and packaged them as 'Academic Editions'. Packaged with fewer 'frills' and a soft cover manual, 'Academic Editions' are otherwise identical to the commercial version, at a drastically reduced price (see table on right). Mac and MSDOS Word, Works, and Excel are among the titles offered in this format. The buyer is entitled to upgrades on the same terms as the commercial user.

University users are required to place their orders through the Prentice Computer Centre. Departmental purchases require an Inter-departmental Requisition or a PCC Equipment and Materials Order. Staff and students may pay the PCC cashier at the Help Desk as they hand in the completed Purchase Authorisation form on the back of this Bulletin. *For further information phone Mr Dal Anderson on 377-3166 or the PC Support Group on 377-4018.*□



Microsoft sampler

Below is a representative sample of available packages. Regular Consortium prices are not listed. All other Microsoft products are available from the Consortium at around 40% off the Recommended Retail Price.

Academic Editions

MSDOS

Excel for Windows	$199
Word 5.0	$150
Works	$90
QuickC	$75
QuickBASIC	$60

Apple Macintosh

Excel	$195
Word 4.0	$125
Works	$139
Powerpoint	$60

EdPacks & EdNet Packs

Edpacks consist of ten sets of software and one set of manuals. Ednet packs consist of one file-server copy, 10 user-licences and one set of manuals. EdPacks and EdNet packs cannot be upgraded.

MS-DOS/PC-DOS

Excel for Windows*	$825
Project*	$645
Word*	$725
Works*	$465
QuickC	$325

Apple Macintosh

Chart	$195
Excel*	$625
File	$315
Word*	$555
Works*	$465

* Available also as EdNet Packs

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Microsoft® Purchase Authorisation for Individual Faculty, Staff, Teachers and Students

I hereby acknowledge that I am a teacher or administrator or currently enrolled as a post-secondary full-time student. I agree not to transfer this package in any manner for a period of twelve months from the date of purchase.

The following information is required at the time of purchase:

1. Please tick which package and format you wish to purchase.

Product	Format
☐ Microsoft Excel Academic Edition	☐ for Apple Macintosh Systems
☐ Microsoft Word Academic Edition	☐ for PC (3.5")
☐ Microsoft Works Academic Edition	☐ for PC (5.25")
☐ Microsoft Powerpoint Academic Edition	
☐ Microsoft QuickBASIC Academic Edition	
☐ Microsoft QuickC Academic Edition	

2. Please attach the following identification to this form:

- A photocopy of your current faculty or school or student identification. It must indicate current faculty status or current student enrollment.

3. Please type or print the following information:

Name: _____

School/College/University: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Postcode: _____

4. Tick one of the following to indicate you current status:

☐ Student ☐ Teacher/Lecturer ☐ Administrator

After you have read and agreed to the terms stated in the first paragraph, please sign below. All individual faculty, staff, or post-secondary full-time student. Purchasers of Academic Editions of a Microsoft product must sign this sheet at point of purchase.

Signature _____ Date _____

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